

Region 8 Fact Sheet

Geographic Summary

States: Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming

Tribes: 28 federally recognized tribes, located within the states of Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming

Logistics

Regional Office Headquarters: Denver, CO

Field offices: EPA Montana Operations Office
USEPA Region 8 – Pierre Office

Laboratory: Lakewood, CO 80225

Staff: 486.1 FTE Level (482.5 On-Boards as of 10/1/20)

Top Environmental Priorities and Challenges

- Bonita Peak Mining District Superfund Site – *Brief Included*
 - On August 5, 2015, approximately 3 million gallons of metal-laden acid mine water was inadvertently released from the Gold King Mine (GKM) in southwest Colorado into nearby Cement Creek. On September 9, 2016, EPA listed the Bonita Peak Mining District (BPMD), which includes at least 48 mining-related sources (including GKM), on the National Priorities List (NPL) of Superfund sites.
 - Cleanup goals at BPMD include: 1) improve water quality in order to meet water quality standards downstream; 2) stabilize solid mine waste; and 3) minimize unplanned releases from mine-related sources.
- Evraz/Harsco Electric Arc Furnace Slag – *Brief Included*
 - EAF Slag contains elevated levels of manganese and other metals and is marketed for landscaping uses in at least 19 states. The primary public health concern is when the slag material is used for residential xeriscaping and unpaved driveways, particularly for applications that cover entire residential properties and areas where children may come in frequent contact.